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Report of Agent Counter Surveillance

1. On the afternoon of 26 August 1958, about 3 PM three of us drove to the area of Schubert Str., Beethoven Str., and the Bavarian Ring, Munich to make a reconnaissance of the area and to try out our radio equipment in the area of the meeting set for 27 August at 10 PM. We arrived on the scene in a Chevrolet (and) truck and a Ford sedan, both bearing U.S. "C" plate licenses.

2. Upon our arrival we parked both vehicles at the point marked #1 on the sketch. It was then discovered that some of the radio equipment had inadvertently been left at the office. Thus while one of us returned in the Ford the other two walked over into the open area opposite the middle of the block between Beethoven and Schubert Streets. Since the meeting was to take place in the middle of this block, we had previously arranged to borrow one of several dozen enclosed construction wagons parked on the field in order that we might photograph the subject's handling agent. At this time we wanted to get the lay of the land in order to know where to direct the owner to park the wagon. At a point approximately opposite the middle of the block between Schubert and Beethoven Streets (Point 2 on the sketch) construction was in progress on a structure for the coming Oktoberfest. While we stood there discussing the situation it was noticed that a man was lying on the ground about midway between us and our truck. We seemed to be much interested in what he was doing. When his interest became obvious we went back to our truck, enroute passing within a few feet of him. He continued to watch us until we had reached the truck. As we turned around and looked at him he quickly turned his head to look in another direction. Thereupon we returned to engage this man in general conversation regarding the construction work for the forthcoming Oktoberfest. He seemed to be about 50 to 55 years old, round face, fat nose, full beard, thick shoulders and torso, about 5 feet 10 to 5 feet 11 inches, weight about 180 to 200 lbs., substantial manner, dark brown hair, slightly graying, (he wore a dark brown to black cloth visored cap as it could not be determined whether he had a mustache). He wore a medium grey tweed jacket, black trousers with a light brown stripe about 1/4 inch wide, brown shoes, Army style low quarter oxfords and a grey sweater. His appearance was that of one neatly but not extensively dressed. As we returned to the truck this man walked across the street and entered a gate at #30 Bavarianring. (See #3 on the sketch) Identified as HUBERT, Ludwig, born 16 June 1908 at Bohmisch-Leipa Tschechoslowakei. No longer has a mustache as shown in photo.

3. Thereafter one of us turned the truck around and parked it at point #4 on the sketch. The others proceeded to point #5 in the Ford. As soon as the truck was parked the driver went to the rear, opened one half of the double door and started to assemble the radio equipment. Immediately thereafter a light grey Opel Olympia drove up to the curb and stopped directly behind the truck. The driver alighted at once, approached our man standing at the rear of the truck and asked in German, "Have you a match", at the same time he tilted his head and craned his neck attempting to look inside the truck. Our man answered in German that he did not have, at the same time closing the door of the truck. The other party (later identified as Harry Fischer), then stepped onto the sidewalk, borrowed a match from a passer-by, re-entered his car and

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remained there. In the interim our man had walked around to the rear of Fischer's car keeping in such a position that he could observe Fischer without Fischer being able to observe him through his rear view mirror. Thereupon Fischer was seen to shift his head from side to side as if trying to spot our man through the rear view mirror.

4. This maneuver lasted about 10 minutes and was ended by our man driving away in the truck. After making a number of roundabout maneuvers our man drove the truck to point #5 on the sketch, parked it behind the Ford, alighted and told the other two men what had happened. After waiting 15 minutes to 1 hour to see what would develop we then proceeded with the testing of the equipment, part of which was in the Ford and the balance of which was carried on the person of one of our men. This had proceeded for about 1 hour when a man appeared on a bicycle, stopped about 50 feet from us, and started eating a sandwich he had taken out of his pocket. As there was no ostensible reason for him to stop in such a place and as it appeared he was intent on trying to see what we were up to we halted our testing and prepared to leave. At this time the cyclist rode away.

5. While our man was driving our truck was standing by the Ford talking to another two men who were preparing to leave he observed another man walking towards the rear of the truck in what appeared to be a studiously unconcerned manner. Our man then stepped back out of sight of this party until the latter had come within 5 or 6 feet of the rear of the truck. Our man then stepped forward into view, whereupon the other party did an immediate about face and started off in the other direction. Our man turned the truck around and observed the other party as he walked back to the scene, at least 100 feet away from the truck. On returning to the scene he was seen to look at point #6 on the sketch, he went through the motions and normally does in functioning up his jacket collar. He was seen and he was wearing a dark-colored jacket. On reaching point #6 he turned right. Our man in the truck then drove to point #7 on the sketch where he observed the other party walking along the street. When the latter reached point #8 on the sketch he turned around and looked towards our man in the truck. He immediately resumed his former direction for two or three steps, crossed the street in the middle of the block and went around the statue a couple of turns. In the interim our man had observed a truck parked at point #9, a place which under the circumstances it is just unlikely that anyone would ever park a truck. It was neither loading nor unloading. Only the driver's seat was occupied and this truck driver appeared to be eyeing both our man in the truck and the party our man was trying to watch who by now was on his second trip around the statue.

6. As it was not a promising situation, traffic was becoming heavy, and our truck was partially blocking one-way-traffic, our man drove off, made a few circling maneuvers and stopped at point #10 on the sketch. By this time Fischer's car had left. However a blue Volkswagen appeared, and stopped at point #11. One person alighted, stood beside the vehicle as if he could not get up, and then entered a nearby store. The driver remained in the vehicle and he also appeared to be watching our man in the truck. This vehicle was subsequently identified as belonging to Herbert's outfit. In the meantime a small low running car, usually

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A wanderer or a vagabond, in somewhat dissipated condition pulled up to the curb and point 12. It remained there about 30 seconds until a black woman, who had been standing at point 23 looking directly at our men, approached it and entered it. The car then drove off toward Kaiser's Hotel flats on Robert Street. This car bore license plates 320 and 336. The black woman except for her hair, greatly resembled the blonde of Frankfurt, Germany, which was outlined later.

It is difficult, when the evidence shows what I have said, to tell how much of what our witnesses are doing is an attempt at a surveillance and how much is the result of their ignorance. It is certain, however, that both our witnesses and the police were focused on the fact of the truck at 11:30, were trying to find out where it was, whether the driver was coming out of the house there or whether he was coming out of the back door, and so on. They were not trying to tell me.

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